There was a comparative scarcity of Governors at the annual dinner of the New England Society at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. That is to say there were only three Governors there. It had been planned to have the Governors of all the New Engand States present, and as a matter of fact Gov. McLane of New Hampshire, Gov. Cobb of Maine and Gov. Roberts of Connecticut managed to dodge the hoodeo that sidetracked the others. But Gov. Guild of Massachusetts was taken ill in Roston, Gov. Proctor of Vermont sent word that his wife was ill. Gov. Utter of Rhode Island, who, despite his name, was not going to make a speech, telegraphed his

But if there was a shortage of governors werse was to follow. There was a positive famine in pie. A delegation of sons of the pis belt, after asking the waiters to translate the menu, appointed a grievance committee to deal with the situation. It was learned that there was plenty of supreme de volaille, chevreuse, any quantity of tortue verte claire and oceans of amandes sales, but of pie not one single little bit. The grievance committee consequently grieved, it further appeared that there was not a bean at the board, "Gosh!" said the grievance committee, in addition to

The society's priesi lent, Austin B. Hetcher was the toastmaster and at the table of honor sat, in addition to the three Governors mentioned, President Alderman of the University of Virginia, President Lather of Trinity College, Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts, Aomiral Coghlan, Robert Peary, Horace Russell, Edmurd Clarence e'men, Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, John Stelling R. Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, John I loyd Thomas, Austen G. Fox and others. President Fletcher obtained order by means of a gavel made from a piece of Plymout's Rock. Then he said he thought the society was scarcely doing its duty by the section it represented because it had no home of its own. The treasury contained more than \$150,000, he declared, and added.

am sure the society will never fulfi the purposes for which it was founded until it has a suitable home it may call its own. I am of the opinion that at least 550,000 can readily be raised, by voluntary \$50,000 can readily be raised by voluntary subscriptions among our members to be used for this purpose. I know of one subscription of \$10,000 that is ready, and I believe there are many others of much larger and of smaller amounts that will be fortheoming the moment a satisfactory plan is presented. All that is needed is serious and concerted effort. Is it not time, gentlemen, after the lapse of a hundred years that we provide the means for carryyears that we provide the means for carry-out the purposes for which this society was organized?"

was organized?"

Bishop Lawrence responded to the toast 'Forefathers' Day." He landed the progress of independent political thought in New England, and told of a conversation he had with President McKinley in which the President told him that he knew the country didn't want the Philippines, and that he personally had no desire to take them, but stated that they devolved upon us a duty. The heartiest applause of the evening came when the Bishop praised governor-elect Hughes. Said Bishop Lawrence by way of exordium:

"It is my privilege to report from the ancient town of Boston, whose State House is resplendent with a new covering of gold."

is resplendent with a new covering of gold leaf, beneath which still hangs in dignified silence the codfish. Proud of our descent, we recall with some satisfaction that we have escaped the teachings and customs of

our Puritan fathers."

As to political independence the Bishop had this to say:

"In the political life, we of New England are well aware that the anglependent may grow somewhat overripe in the mugwump and fall to decay in the chronic critic and cynic. But because there is overripe fruit to condemn the waole crop? No.

shall we condemn the waole crop? No. New England rejoices in the thought, she is proud of the fact, that she is the home of political independence. So that when party power becomes arbitrary or party government becomes loose or corrupt there may always be found sons of the Pilgrims who will break with the party and stand for the right and for the Nation. "You have seen and felt the power of the Pilgrims here in New York again and again.
I do not know whether he has in him a strain of New England blood, but I think he must. But this I know, that from the wyer took up his work for the people unknown

bewer took up his work for the people in the insurance investigations, through this campaign to this Forefathers' Day, your fovernor-elect has nobly illustrated and expressed the spirit of the Pilgrims.

I recall with gratitude one of the finest expressions of duty from the lips of President McKinley. I never met him but once and for a very few moments; it was in Boston after the Spanish war. I asked him if he felt a little strange in a city where so he felt a little strange in a city where so many citizens criticised his decision to take the Philippine Islands. He answered: "I have a great sympathy with those gentlemen and were I not in this responsible losition that I now am, I might be with them. I did not want the Philippines, you did not want them, the country did not want them, and when our commission started for Paris I did not suppose that we should have to take them. But when all the conditions were studied I found, that in justice to those people, other nations and ourselves. we could not help taking them. These Boston gentlemen did not have to decide Boston gentlemen did not have to decide anything; I did. It was our duty to take anything; I did. It was our duty to take them. And now that we have taken them, let us not whimper, but stand up to our duty like men and help those people and give them the blessings of our civilization."

"What the people and the State have to stand for," the Bishop continued, "is this: There shall be no meddling on the part of the prelate, priest, minister or layman, whether from Rome or Boston or Washington, whether Protestant or Romanist or Mormon, with the policy, officers, taxes, schools or legislation of village, city, State or nation. And as our President has reiterated there shall be no meddling by city, State or national officials nor any inducements for meddling with the work, policy or faith of any Church whose teachings are not injurious to the morals of the

ags are not injurious to the morals of the "Sectionalism and Nationality," was President Alderman's toast, and he showed that the one might complement the other, say-

Certainly there are no two peoples in the Certainly there are no two peoples in the world who quietly enjoy so much each others commendation, or wince so smartly under each others' disapproval. When a New Englander has the greatness of soul to perceive the royal beauty of the character of Robert E. Lee, or when a man like lamar beholds and utters sublime words and the character of the of understanding of the soul of a man like Sumner, it is a fine thing to note the glow of good feeling that pervades the two re-gions. It is a pity that utterance is not given to a little more of this silent appre-

"The doctrine of States' rights as a ne cessity of popular government is again engaging the thought of this republic be-cause mightier forces than war are vitalizing this old issue under new forms, and those who understand it best and love it dearest and will fight for it longest are those who live in the States where devo-tion to it once had power to separate them from a country they had fought to found. There is nothing stranger or more interesting in political history than the recurrence of this best loved dogma of the South, unconnected with secession and unconfused with slavery, as necessary to Federal union and human freedom.

"If, as Mr. Root thinks, the struggle is on between the services of the Federal structure of the Federal union and the struggle is the struggle of the federal union the struggle is the struggle is the struggle in the struggle is the struggle in the struggle is the struggle in the struggle in the struggle is the struggle in t

on between the growing power of the Federal Government and the decreasing authority of the States you can count on the Southerners to be on the side of maintaining the just balance, for no American sees more clearly than he just what is the vital

FEW GOVERNORS AND NO PIE,

BY T NO LACK OF SPEAKERS AT

THE NEW ENGLAND DINNER.

President of the Society Urges the Need of
a Clubbouse—Hishop Lawrence Lauds
Blughes as One Worthy of New Eng.

spot in the liberty of a State. I interpret Mr. Root's speech as a prophecy and a warning rather than as a plea for centralization. The drift that way is unquestioned.

"I dare to say here to-night that the people of the South are handling the problem of the African, which has both marred and of the Month of the Month of the Month of the Society Urges the Need of Society Urges the Need of the African, which has both marred and subject to the African for three hundred years, as wisely as any people on earth could hope to do in the first generation of African freedom and in a time of human forment and struggle in all

time of human foment and struggle in all Faithful men are at work-and will continue at work to the end that the quality and breed of our race shall not be allowed to deteriorate and the quality of justice be allowed to become cheapened. Upon the South rests the burden of the African and the problem of the integrity of the

Dr. Flavel S. Luther, who in addition to being president of Trinity College is also a member of the Connecticut State Senate, talked about "The Colonies and the Schools." He emphasized the need for practical training of the young, saying: For many years we have forgotten to train boys and girls in industry, have failed to teach them how to do the things which

to teach them how to do the things which it the world wants done, which they must know how to do if they are to be good citizens. The movement for public trade schools now gathering head for full expression had its American germ in the thought of the Pilvrims. Speed the day when the dreams of the fathers may be fulfilled in that new America whose sons and daughters shall learn to serve and to work defely at the tasks to which the world in deftly at the tasks to which the world in-

'ites them."

George Cahot Lodge, son of Senator Lodge, then read an original poem. That it was a Harvard poem there was no doubt. Some said it was also Unitarian. Mr. Lodge thus expressed his belief that the Pilgrims are not all dead.

Ve are the pilgrims. Shall we less deserve

Than they deserved, that stern and splendid name or, less than they, afford the rightful heir His incommensurable heritage? Rather, as now the light of truth expands in stateller vistas to the inward eye, Rather, as now-with more perfected faith And more religious ecstacy we learn That life and destiny and death and time And God, and all the long captivities, Are but the myths and phases of the soul. Brief bounds of life's insatiable hope-And perfect as each one of us most be Irreverently and with deliberate feet, Let us of these and all dead dreams and things Tread down the dust into the common way. That man may liberally advance

Commander Peary said that after listen ing to the big and burning ideas which had been presented by the speakers who had preceded him he hesitated about bringing

preceded him he hesitated about bringing up a semi-personal subject.

"And yet," he added, grasping the folds of an American flag, "there is one mighty bond between my story and the stories of the others. It is this flag."

If in any way his work had added to the laurels of New England, the Commander felt that it was only part return for the training which he had received there.

aining which he had received there. "I must crave your indulgence to-night,"
Commander Peary continued. "I am
handicapped. Eighteen months of complete isolation do not make for fluency, and
my best energies to-night have been concentrated upon the proper use of the super-abundance of table implements. I have a vague recollection of having made use of them before, but I think you will under-stand when I say that for the past eighteen months the only essential implement for me

for a square meal has been a hatchet."

Commander Peary declared that not withstanding the sneers of some people the fact was that every American would feel just a little bit prouder to own his nationality if the Stars and Stripes were the first to be planted on the coveted goal

first to be planted on the coveted goal.

"For 400 years," said the speaker "the world has dreamed of the union of the Atlantic and the Pacific. To-night the flag floats there on Panama, and the great connecting canal is being built. For three centuries the world has dreamed of solving the mystery of the North. To-night the American flag stands nearest that mystery, and, beckoning and pointing as it does, God willing, it shall yet stand at the pole-tiself, for tetween those great cosmic boundaries, the Panama Canal and the North Pole, lies the unspeakable future of that Pole, lies the unspeakable future of that giant which has sprung from Plymouth Rock and Jamestown—the United States

PILGRIM MOTHERS DINE,

While the Pilgrim Fathers Look On in miration From the Gallery.

Mere man was permitted to look on from the gallery of the Myrtle room in the Waldorf-Astoria vesterday afternoon while the Pilgrim Mothers ate their fifteenth annual dinner and swapped sentiments on the progress of women's rights.

The Pilgrim Mothers are not all matrons and a very large proportion of them believe just as fervently in the fashions as the everyday women of the world.

They all belong to the New York Legislative League, of which Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake is president. Man was discussed approvingly in addresses by Dr. Jennie M. Lozier, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Agnes McClelland Daulton, Miss Mary Garrett Hay, Miss Janet E. Richards and Miss Helen Hay, Miss Janet E. Richards and Miss Felen Varick Boswell. Miss Lena Duthie, ac-companied by Miss Daniel, sang, and Miss Pauline Jennings played "The Valkyries." The speakers agreed that they eventu-

ally would get equal political privileges with man through the development of his chivalry, which, it was said, was growing to a height it never had attained before. to a height it never had attained before.

There were present Mrs. Ada Crisp, Mrs. Charles B. Reed, Mrs. B. F. Clark, Mrs. G. A. Tuttle, Mrs. F. E. Morse, Mrs. Margaret H. Bates, Mrs. R. S. Ransom, Mrs. R. J. Moses, Mrs. R. J. Muller, Mrs. F. H. Rich-Moses, Mrs. R. J. Muller, Mrs. F. H. Richards, Mrs. Theodore Connolly, Mrs. R. A. Benedict, Mrs. E. Verplanck Richards, Mrs. J. W. Lovell, Mrs. Richard M. Bent, Miss Barcalow, Mrs. Hannah Babcock, Mrs. L. de Wardener Hollub, Mrs. Helen Secor Tonjes, Miss Bullowa and Mrs. C. B. Wilborn.

Dinner to Justice-Elect Brady.

A complimentary dinner was given to Supreme Court Justice-elect John J. Brady st night by friends and associates at the ordham Club. About 160 guests were last night by friends and associates at the Fordham Club. About 160 guests were present. Those who spoke were Louis F. Haffen, President of the Borough; Henry M. MacCracken, chancellor of New York University; the Rev. Daniel J. Quinn, president of Fordham University, and Recorder Goff.

Congressman-Elect Hamill to Be Married. Representative-elect James A. Hamill of the Tenth New Jersey Congress district, who lives in Jersey City, and Miss May Josephine Mylotte of that city will be married on January 9 at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Miss Mylotte was until a few days ago a teacher in the Jersey City High School. e was assigned as secretary to Principal

Hopkins Representative-elect Eugene Leake of the Ninth New Jersey Congress district, Mr. Hamill's running mate for Congressional nonors on the Democratic ticket in Hudson county, was also a bachelor when he secured is nomination, but he was married before

Justice and Mrs. Harlan Celebrate Their

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.-Mr. Justice and Mrs. Harlan this afternoon celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding by a reception at their residence in Euclid place. They were married in Evansville, Ind., December 23, 1856, shortly after Mr. Harlan had begun the practice of law in Frankfort, Three of the bridesmaids who took part in the ceremony are still living, but were not present to-day.

Golden Wedding and Family Reunion. NEWBURGH, Dec. 22.-W. P. Robinson and wife of Auburn, N. Y., will celebrate their golden wedding on Christmas Day Mayor Charles D. Robinson of this city his brother; Frank D. Robinson, also of Newburgh, and Frederick W. Robinson of New York have gone to attend the anniversary. It will be the first complete family reunion in twenty years.

Praise for America-Walter Damrosch and the French Consul-General Talk

The Lotos Club gave a dinner last night in honor of M. Camille Saint-Saëns, the French composer, who is about to return to his own country. The dinner was the compliment paid to M. Saint-Saëns by the music loving members of the Lotos, and a number of them not only said pleasant things about Saint-Saëns to his face, but cheered enthusiastically other amiable

things that were said by guests. The vice-president of the Lotos Club 'hester S. Lord, in introducing Hermann Kiein, who formally welcomed the guest of honor, said that the Lotos Club has honored many distinguished men, but that he was sure he voiced the sentiment of the club in saying that it has never had a warmer welcome for any man than for M.

Saint-Seens. Mr. Klein made his address in French. The visit of Saint-Saëns had long been awaited for, he said, and its success has been demonstrated by the attendance at concerts, ever growing in numbers and augmenting in enthusiasm. Mr. Klein recalled his friendship of thirty years with the composer, and then spoke of the illustrious musicians of the past century who were friends and admirers of M. Saintwere friends and admirers of M. Saint-Saëns-Berlioz, Wagner, Liszt, Gounod, César Franck, Anton Rubinstein, Hans von Bulow, Georges Bizet, Leo Delibes, Gabriel Fauré, Vincent d'Indy. He recalled the tribute paid to M. Saint-Saëns by Gounod, on the occasion of the première of Saint-Saëns's opera "Henry VIII" at the Paris Opéra, on March 5, 1883. "A work that is now doubly interesting," said Mr. Klein, "because Heinrich Conried has promised to produce it next season at the Metropolitan Opera House. "The visit to America of a composer of

"The visit to America of a composer of your supreme talent and universal renown," he continued, "ought to produce a very important effect upon musical art generally, and the progress of French music in this country more particularly. I also hope that your coming will lead to a closer acquaintance with your dramatic works. Perhaps before we get 'Henry VIII.' we shall be having 'Helene.'

The toastmaster called for a toast to M.

Saint-Saëns and it was drunk standing.
Then some one called out "Three good American cheers for the guest." They were given with a will.

M. Saint-Saëns was obviously pleased.

M. Saint-Saëns was obviously pleased with the warmth of his welcome. He spoke in French with the utmost rapidity. He said that he was not by nature a speaker, but that he would attempt to thank the Lotos and its friends for the kind toast proposed by the vice-president and for the beautiful speech of Mr. Klein, "much more flattering than I deserve," he added.

"Needless to say," he continued, "in Europe we love America and everything American. [Applause.] It is also needless to say that I found in this country that everything in the musical world was of the very highest order. [Applause.] "It is indeed a great pleasure for me to find that the American public is not un-grateful, and that everything beautiful in rt and music is deeply appreciated here, found everywhere splendid orchestras, excellent conductors and sympathetic audiences. I am very thankful to the pres-also for its exceedingly kind reception and comments on my visit to this country. I hope, gentlemen, that I shall soon have the pleasure of revisiting these beautiful

Walter Damrosch said that there is not a living composer whose works are so well known or performed so often as M. Saint-Saëns. He recalled the first performance in this city of the "Danse Macabre," and then called attention to the vigor, energy and enthusiasm of the composer, who

said Mr. Damrosch, "that he "I fancy," said Mr. Damrosch, "that he is the last to visit this country of a period of great men whose names, as we read them now, make us think of a far away

The French Consul-General, M. Alcide The French Consul-General, M. Alcide Elbray, made an address, and among the others that made short talks were H. E. Krehbiel and W. J. Henderson. Among the guests were Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, guests were Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Maurice Renaud, the barytone of the Man-Maurice Renaud, the barytone of the Man-hattan Opera House; Frank Damrosch, Richard Arnold of the Philharmonic Soci-ety, William Mcdmley, the tenor; James Huneker, Alexander Petschnikoff, Sigis-mond Stojowski, Arthur Rosenstein and

further compliment to M. Saint-Saëns there was music played of his own composition—the "Romance for the Piano" and two violin solos, "Le Cygne" and "Havanaise," the violin solos being played Mr. Petechnikoff.

WHALEN HAD A NEW WIFE. One Re Married in 1889 Found It Out After a Police Search for Him.

Pierce Whalen, alias Richard P. Whalen would probably not have been in jail under \$1,000 bail for trial on a charge of bigamy if he had not put his name and address on the records of the Police Department through an arrest for assault a short time ago. Through this address the original Mrs. Whalen discovered him, found out that another woman occupied her place and notified the police. Magistrate Crane. in the West Side court held him for trial vesterday on complaint of the latest Mrs. Whalen, who was Alice Laughran and who, the police said, really wanted to withdraw

the police said, really wanted to withdraw the charge.

Nora Conners and Whalen were married by Father Daly in St. Patrick's Cathedral in 1889. They have only lived together at intervals during the last ten years, the police said, and during most of the time, Mrs. Whalen says she has supported their two children in living at 236 East Sixty-third street. Whalen has seen service in the street. Whalen has seen service in the English army, the Spanish war, and for some time has been a coachman. In the capacity of coachman Whalen

spent the summer at Arverne, L. I., in the employ of a private family. Alice Laughran was employed as a maid across the street. Their friendship resulted in their marriage on November 25 by the Rev. Father E. M. Rafter at the Church of the Holy Name, Ninety-sixth street and Amsterdam avenue. Mrs. Nora Conners Whalen began seeking for Whalen last week. She had not seen him since June. The police told her that her husband was probably living at 590 Amsterdam avenue. There was a man there who answered his description, the neighbors said. He had just been married to Miss Laughran. Detectives Horan and Walsh awaited Whalen's home coming on Wednesday night and arrested him early

SETTLE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. Montana Mine Owners Compromise Suite

for Cutting Timber Illegally. HELENA, Mon., Dec. 22 .- The Marcus Daly estate, the Anaconda Mining Company and the Government have practically agreed to compromise the suits instituted by the Government to recover the value of timber alleged to have been cut illegally from a strip of land thirty miles long and five miles wite. The compromise figure is \$156,000, and it is said that other cases of a similar

ature will be settled also.
These sums have been pending for a num ber of years and were about to be brought to final trial when the offer of compromise came from the defendants.

Herr Conried Still DL

Heinrich Conried is still confined to his ouse with inflammation of the sciatic nerve, but his condition is no more serious than it was, in spite of reports to the con-trary. Mr. Conried will probably be con-fined to his room for another month. He transacts business daily, however. JUDGES AVERAGE 134 DAYS

Of 3 Hours 32 Minutes Each on General Sessions Bench. Another chapter was added vesterday to the controversy between District Attorney Jerome and Judge Rosalsky as to the amount of work done by the Judges of General Sessions. Judge Rosalsky occasion on Friday to say that the Judges did all the work required of them and quoted statistics to prove it. Judge Rosalsky's remarks were carefully read in the District Attorney's office yesterday and a statement was prepared showing just how many days the four parts of General Sessions have been in session during the last year and the average number of hours that the Court

prepared by Mr. Jerome's office: In 1906 there were, excluding Sundays, holidays and Saturdays, 862 possible court days. (For the four parts of General Sessions.) The court sat altogether 768 days.

sat each day. This is the statement as

There were, therefore, ninety-four days available or court work which were not used. The average length of session was three hours ifty-two minutes.
In only one month, i. e , January, did the session

average as much as four and a half hours, and in January they averaged four hours thirty-two minutes. There are five Judges to hold forty two terms a car. This means that each Judge sits about eigh

and two-afths months. In 1906 five Judges sat 768 days, i. e., each Judge averaged 154 days of work of an average length o three hours and fifty-two minutes. It was pointed out by Mr. Jerome that the

salary of a Judge of General Sessions is \$12,000 a year for fourteen years. On the basis of each Judge working 154 days it was figured out that a Judge got \$12,000 for little over five months of actual work. With this in mind a statistician of the District Attorney estimated that a Judge got about \$80 a day.

Mr. Jerome felt called upon to say some-

thing about the amount of work done by the Judges when he heard that most of the Judges of General Sessions were to adjourn their courts from December 21 to January 7, which is the regular day for the court to convene for the January term. Mr. Jerome thought that the vacation was too long and that the criminal business of the county would become clogged as a result.

Just at present the number of prisoners in the Tombs and the standing calendar

have been materially reduced.

Mr. Jerome's mild protest had little effect, however. Both Judge Rosalsky and Judge O'Sullivan adjourned their courts on Friday until January 7. Judge Cowing retires at the first of the year. Recorder Goff will sit this week because of the trial of Col. William D. Mann of Town Topics for perjury, which will be continued on Monday. It was said, however, that the Recorder had no objection to sitting right up to the first of the year, when he becomes a Surrame first of the year, when he becomes a Supreme Court Justice.

Mr. Jerome has no criticism to make of

the Justices who sit in the Supreme Court, Criminal Branch. This court has averaged four hours and twenty-five minutes a day during the year, and because of the class of cases that are tried in this court the calendar is more apt to break down than in General

LOVED TO TUNNEL THE EARTH. Strange Work of an Old Forty-niner on His Estate in Bloomfield.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Dec. 22.-The Ward Stafford estate in Belleville avenue in this town has been purchased by E. B. and H. R. Underwood. The old house is to be remodelled and converted into an up to date suburban residence.

For many years Captain, or "Old Man," Stafford, as the youngsters called him, lived a hermit life in the old stone house high above the street and screened from the gaze of passersby by a grove of pines and a tangle of more or less unkempt bushes. He was a Forty-niner and the mining fever never left him. Perhaps he really entertained the faith with which common gossip credited him, that there was gold in his land; perhaps in his lonely days he delighted in living over again the life of long ago, reviving memories of the years when in the strength and en siasm of youth he sought fortune in th West. At any rate, alone and single handed without machinery or apparatus excep pick and shovel, wheelbarrow, axe, hammer and saw, he burrowed into the hills, constructing a wonderful network of shafts and passages. These were stoutly lined and propped with solid timbers.

It was the intermittent labor of many years. The timbers have rotted, the rain has undermined the props and earthslides have blocked many of the passages, but enough remains to-day to tell the story. Children playing in the woods that covered the hills behind the Stafford house along the brook—they are the men and women of Bloomfield now, those children— used in fear and trembling to explore the passages. The figure of Old Man Stafford picking his way into a hillside, chopping down trees and clearing off brush to make room for the sinking of a new shaft or wheeling barrowloads of earth from his tunnels became a familiar feature of the

Now the trees about the old house have been trimmed, the bushes cleared out and again, as it did long years ago, the sun-light will stream in through curtained indows. The home of the lonely old man "improvement" of the estate the last traces of the old miner's labor will disappear. The mystery of Davey's woods will soon ecome a memory.

MORRISTOWN STILL DARK. President McCarter Promises to Make a Personal Investigation.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Dec. 22.-Notwith standing the letter sent by Mayor Charlton A. Reed to Thomas McCarter, president of the Public Service Corporation in Newark, complaining of the nightly breakdown of the company's electric light plant here. nothing apparently has been accomplished. The town is still in darkness, with candles

at a premium.

The Mayor has issued a call for a public meeting to be held Wednesday night when, it is said, a proposition for municipal ownership will be launched. The Mayor received a letter from President McCarter to-night. in which the Public Service man says he is much concerned at the state of affairs, but does not hesitate to assume the re-

sibility for the trouble.
shall go to Morristown myself on Friday of next week and make a persona investigation of the conditions prevailing there," said the president in his letter, "and at that time I shall call upon you."

A delegation of angry busin ss men will probably be on hand to help the Mayor

TO GET UP UNUSED TRACKS. Suit to Revoke Franchise in 42d Street for Fallure to Use It.

A suit to revoke the franchise held by he i rty-second street, Manhattanville & St. Nicholas Avenue Railway Company has been begun in the Supreme Court by Attorney-General Mayer in the name of the people. The basis of the suit is that the company has allowed the franchise to lapse by not running cars over the tracks.

The complaint, filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday, sets forth that the route Manhattan street through what is now known as Amsterdam avenue, and through Forty-second street to the East Attorney-General Mayer alleges that

during the last five years the company has discoutinued the use of the tracks, which have been allowed to become rusty and dirt laden. Failure to operate the road is one of the conditions under which, according to the terms of the franchis the company lays itself open to forfeiture of the franchise. The company has not yet filed its answ to the complaint.

IN SOCIETY.

Those who have large country establishments will have them filled with guests for the Christmas holidays. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt and of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones will have an opportunity to enjoy real Southern cooking. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt, imme-diately after the holidays, will go to Wash-ington, where they have a house for the gay

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt will have their Christmas party at Idle Hour, their place at Oakdale, L. I. Mr. and Mrs. william K. Vanderbilt, Jr., are abroad and their guests will be chiefly Mrs. Vanderbilt's relatives and connections. Mr. and Mrs. Frederic W. Vanderbilt will pass their holiday week at their country place at Staatsburg.

Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid have had a succession of affairs given for them in Washington and New York since their arrival. Mrs. Reid's father, Darius O. Mills, gave a dinner of forty covers last Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane give a dinner for them Saturday night, December 29.

Capt. Sydney A. Cloman, U. S. A., and his bride, who was Mrs. Flora Louise Clement, sailed yesterday for England Capt. Cloman is the new Military Attaché of the American Embassy. Mrs. Cloman's fortune came to her from her first husband, the late Victor Clement, who owned mines in South Africa.

Mrs. E. Francis Hyde gave a luncheon on Tuesday for her niece, Miss Gladys Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay will pass their Christmas at their home here in Madison avenue. Little Miss Mackay will begin going to school after the holidays and will be coached in her studies by a governess. She is 7 years old and is a great favorite with her grandmother, Mrs. John W Mackay, who was here recently, and has now returned to her apartment in Paris.

Mrs. Shepard Homans of 41 West Seventyninth street and her daughters, the Misses Sallie Homans and Helen Homans, have. gone to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Parsons at Waterford, Conn., for the holidays. The Misses Homans when at home give a continuous round of bridge parties.

Mrs. Charles H. Tweed, who is a daughter of the late Senator William Evarts, will give a dance next Wednesday night, December 26, at Sherry's, for Miss Katherine Tweed. Mrs. Artemus H. Holmes of 453 Madison avenue will give a cotillon next Thursday night, December 27. Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Barr will give a dance next Friday night for their daughter, Miss Margaret Barr, who will then be introduced.

The first dance of the University cotillons for the season will be given on Thursday night at Sherry's. The Columbia, Harvard, Princeton and Yale collegians will be hosts of the season's débutantes as well as of some of last year's and next winter's girls. The patronesses include Mrs. George Jay Gould, Mrs. James Speyer, Mrs. Paul Gibert Thébaud, Mrs. Stephen Penbody, Miss Louise Ward McAllister, Mrs. Robert Olyphant, Mrs. Edward Clarkson Potter, Mrs. Richard Irvin, Mrs. E. Henry Harriman and Mrs. James Rayner, Hayden

Cards are here for the wedding of Miss Caroline Thompson and John M. Harrington, to take place in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, S. C., next Wednesday, December 26. There will be a reception afterward at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Hugh S. Thompson, 4 Legare street. Mrs. Thompson and her daughter are New Yorkers, as is son and her daughter are New Yorkers, as is the bridegroom, but are passing the winter in Charleston, the home of many ancestors. The bride will be attended by her niece, Miss Fanny Thompson, daughter of Col. Henry P. Thompson, as maid of honor. There will be no bridesmaids. Frank T. Trammell of New York will assist as best man and Dr. Alfred S. Harrington of West Point, Ga., a brother of the bridegroom; Thomas P. brother of the bridegroom; Thomas P. Thompson, Jr., and P. Stewart Thompson of Charleston, Hugh M. Dorsey and Arthur Weigley of Atlanta Ga. and Hugh Thompson son Seibels of Columbia, S. C., will be ushers

The annual charity ball in aid of the Nursery and Child's Hospital will take place at the Waldorf-Astoria on Tuesday, Feb-

Among the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt at their farm, Sandy Point, near Newport, will be Mrs. Frederic Neilson, Mrs. Vanderbilt's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt will entertain a large party at their lodge in the Adirondacks after Christmas and will sail for Europe on Saturday, January 5.

Lady Pearson of England is one of the party of house guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt at Biltmore House. N. C. Prince and Princess Cantacuzene have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean at Washington for the last week and have been constantly entertained. The Hon. Jacob J. Astley of London was one of the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Alexander on Thursday night.

Mrs. J. Hood Wright will give a big dinner at her home on Fifth avenue next Tuesday night, December 25. Mrs. Wright's son-inlaw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Conyngham of Wilkesbarre, Pa., are with her for the holidays.

Miss Susan M. Ludlow Gould, who was introduced at a tea given by her aunt, Mrs. J. Kearny Warren, on Tuesday afternoon was one of the few débutantes of the winter who was not arrayed in white. The very pretty pale blue silk gown she wore was garlanded with pink roses.

The Misses Edith Deacon and Dorothy Kane have been the New York girls who have been having an especially good time in Washington the last week. The guests at the big dinner given by Mrs. Walsh were asked especially to meet them, and have been on the go incessar will be in Tuxedo for Christmas.

Gen. and Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant will have a family party with them for Christmas, including Gen. Grant's sister, Mrs. Sartoris, Prince and Princess Can-tacuzene, their children and a number of

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Elliman gave dinner of twenty covers last Thursday night and Mrs. Robert G. Dun of 261 Madison avenue one on Friday night for Miss Marjorie Hamilton Clinton. Mrs. H. de Berkeley Parsons and Mrs. Richard Butler Berkeley Parsons and Mrs. Richard Butler were among those who gave dinners last night. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Winterfeldt, who returned from Lakewood, N. J., yesterday, will give one of the big dinners on for Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hoffman give a dinner of twenty covers next Wednesday. December 26, and Mrs. Hugo de Fitsch and the Misses Clara Gibert and Gettrude Gibert give a dinner of forty. and Gertrude Gibert give a dinner of forty covers for their niece, Miss Townsend next Friday night.

Probably after the New Year Mr. and Mrs. John John Jacob Astor will be seen in the Astor box at the Metropolitan Opera House. It was occupied on Monday night by Mrs. Astor's relative and intimate friend. Miss Ethel Kingsland, who came out a couple of seasons ago. Mr. Astor was one of the guests at the dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. R. Livingston Beeckman on Thursday

Mrs. Tiffany Dyer has taken a house in Washington for the season. Mrs. George Merrill, who lived here for some time after a long stay in Paris, will also spend the winter at the capital. The state mother of the Rev. George Mercill termeriv rector

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of St. Mary's Church in Tuxedo, who now has a church in Buffalo. His wife, who was a Miss Dresser, is a younger sister of Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Nicholas Brown.

Worthington Whitehouse will lead the otillons at some of the big dances of January, for which cards have been issued. He was one of the guests at the big dinner given on Thursday night by Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Alexander and led the cotillon

The wedding of Miss Helen Wilson Case and Abel Irwin Smith, Jr., will take place next Thursday afternoon, December 27, at the Hotel Buckingham. The ceremony at the Hotel Buckingham. The ceremony will be performed at 4 o'clock. Miss Dorothy G. Smith, sister of the bridegroom, will attend as maid of honor and the Misses Gertrude Knapp of New York and Jeanette Brown of Pittsburg will be bridesmaids. James B. Mahon will assist as best man and Gerrish H. Milliken and Benjamin B. Tilt of New York will be ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clark Case, parents of the bride, will give a reception after the ceremony.

Mrs. Park Benjamin of 270 West Seventythird street gave an informal tea yesterday afternoon and had many callers from 4 until 7 o'clock. She was assisted in re-ceiving by Mrs. Barton Chapin and by the Misses Gladys Benjamin, Louise Cowper-thwaite, Christine Squire, Helen H. Ludington and Florence Weiner of Philadelphia

The first of the metropolitan dances for this season was given last night at Sherry's. The patronesses were Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mrs. Henri E. Alexandre, Mrs. Charles Henry Coster, Mrs. Charles D. Dickey, Mrs. Archibald Rogers and Mrs. Frank Spencer Witherbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Maunsell B. Field of 138 West Seventieth street announced the engagement of their daughter. Emily B. O. Field, to Frank Kennett Drisler, son of the late Frank Drisler. Mr. Drisler is a grand-son of Prof Henry Drisler, LL. D., for many years dean of Columbia University.

HOLIDAYS AT TUXEDO.

Nearly Every Cottager Will Entertain-The New Year's Dance.

TUXEDO PARR, Dec. 22.-The holiday ason at Tuxedo promises to be very lively. Extensive preparations are being made and nearly every cottager will entertain on a large scale. Several of the cottage people who returned to town early in the season will reopen their villas. The clubhouse will be filled for the dance on New

Although the weather to-day was cloudy, large number arrived for Sunday at the clubhouse. There was a vaudeville entertainment, preceded by many large dinner parties. Miss Louisa Norwood entertained a party of twelve and Richmond Talbot also entertained a large party. Among others who had dinner parties were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Barnwell. Mr. and Mrs. William Kent, Mr. and Mrs.

Amory S. Carbart, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Chanler and Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hewitt entertained at house parties to-day.

A dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs.

Ames T. French to-night at their villa for

Miss French. Mr. and Mrs. H. McK. Twombly arrived in their auto at the club to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Wiltsie arrived at the clubhouse to-day. Other arrivals include Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hull, Paul Tuckerman, Philip O. Mills, Lloyd Warren, Miss Parsons, Miss Fish, Miss Coster, William Kent Jr. Seymour Johnson and F. iam Kent, Jr., Seymour Johnson and I

Washington Society Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.-The Vice-President and Mrs. Fairbanks entertained a large company at dinner this evening, their guests including Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth.

The commandant and officers of the navy yard entertained between 300 and 400 members of the younger set last night at the first of a series of three dances they have planned for the season. The dance was given in the large hall over the gunners' workshop, which was effectively draped with flags and bunting.

Miss Eva McAdoo, daughter of the for-

mer Police Commissioner of New York, arrived in Washington to-day to be the guest of the Misses Southerland for a time. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Waish entertained a company at dinner this evening, with the retiring British Ambassador and Lady Durand as the guests of honor.

Miss Pauline Leroy French Engaged.

TUXEDO PARK, Dec. 22.-The engagement of Miss Pauline Leroy French, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tuck French, to Mr. Samuel J. Wagstaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wagstain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wagstain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wagstain of Mr. and Mrs. French here. A house party followed by a dinner was given tonight to celebrate the occasion, at which were present many of the younger society folk. IN McHUGH STYLE

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Senator A. S. Hawkins of the Abilene dis-Mr. Hawkins gave as his reasons for resigning that he voted for Senator J. W. Bailey at the recent primary and that in view of the recent developments against wiew of the recent developments against Mr. Bailey he feels that he could not vote for him in the Legislature. He resigns in order to be relieved from his primary obligation to support Bailey and will make

to-day received the resignation of State

ligation to support Bailey and will a new race for the Senate on an anti-Gov. Lanham called a special election take place January 21. Similar action will be taken by other members of the Legisla

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